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SUBJECT: MARRIOTT BOMBING: HAMBALI'S ROLE STILL BEING
EXAMINED

REF: JAKARTA 9518

CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER ROBERT L. ELSTON. REASONS:
1.5 (B) AND (D)

1. (U) SUMMARY: INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE (POLRI) TOP
DETECTIVE ERWIN MAPPASENG SAID PUBLICLY AUGUST 21 THAT
HAMBALI'S ROLE IN THE MARRIOTT BOMBING REMAINS UNCLEAR.
POLICE BELIEVE HAMBALI TRANSFERRED \$45,000 INTO THE COUNTRY,
AND ARE TRYING TO VERIFY WHETHER THAT MONEY FUNDED THE AUGUST
5 BOMBING. HE ALSO SAID THAT JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH (JI) CONTROLS
ABOUT 300 FIGHTERS IN INDONESIA WHO WERE EITHER TRAINED IN
THE PHILIPPINES OR AFGHANISTAN. SINCE HAMBALI'S ARREST,
PUBLIC COMMENTS BY MOST INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
REALISTIC ABOUT INDONESIA'S SLIM CHANCES OF HAVING THE
SOUTHEAST ASIA'S TOP AL-QAEDA OPERATIVE EXTRADITED HOME TO
STAND TRIAL. HOWEVER, JI LEADER ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR'S DEFENSE
TEAM ON AUGUST 21 ASKED JUDGES TO PRESENT HAMBALI AS A

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DEFENSE WITNESS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO MANAGE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT ACCESS TO HAMBALI. END SUMMARY

2. (U) POLRI CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION CHIEF ERWIN MAPPASENG TOLD THE PRESS AUGUST 21 THAT POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO VERIFY HAMBALI'S FINANCIAL ROLE IN THE AUGUST 5 BOMBING OF THE J.W. MARRIOTT HOTEL IN JAKARTA. INDONESIA'S TOP DETECTIVE SAID THAT HAMBALI SENT \$45,000 TO INDONESIA, PERHAPS TO FUND THE AUGUST 5 MARRIOTT BOMBING. POLICE HAVE SAID THAT THE BOMBING COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN FINANCED THROUGH BANK ROBBERIES.

JI STILL WELL STOCKED WITH FIGHTERS....

3. (SBU) MAPPASENG ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT JEMAAH ISLAMIAH HAS AN ESTIMATED 300 PHILIPPINE OR AFGHAN TRAINED FIGHTERS IN ITS "SPECIAL FORCES" OR "LASKAR KHOS" IN INDONESIA. POLRI OFFICIALS SEEM UNCERTAIN WHETHER JI HAS SPECIFICALLY RECRUITED SUICIDE BOMBERS. MOST RECENTLY MAPPASENG SAID THAT JI DOES NOT HAVE A SUICIDE SQUAD. HOWEVER, LAST WEEK INDONESIAN POLICE CHIEF DAI BACHTIAR SAID THAT FORMER JI REGIONAL COMMANDER MUSTOPHA, NOW UNDER ARREST, HAD CLAIMED SUCH A SQUAD DID EXIST. BOTH THE BALI BOMBING LAST OCTOBER AND THE MARRIOTT BOMBING THIS MONTH ARE SUSPECTED TO BE THE WORK OF SUICIDE BOMBERS.

HAMBALI EXTRADITION TO INDONESIA A LONG SHOT

4. (SBU) DEFENSE MINISTER MATORI SAID AUGUST 21 THAT HAMBALI'S STATUS IS "NOT AS IMPORTANT AS CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM." FOREIGN MINISTER WIRAJUDA UNDERSCORED STRONG U.S.-INDONESIA COOPERATION, TELLING REPORTERS IN AUSTRALIA AUGUST 22 THAT THE U.S. WOULD FACILITATE INDONESIA'S INTEREST IN HAMBALI. FM WIRAJUDA ALSO NOTED HAMBALI'S IMPORTANCE IN THE BALI AND ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR TRIALS, HOWEVER. THE PRESS HAS ALSO QUOTED SEVERAL INDONESIAN EXPERTS AND OFFICIALS WHO POINT OUT THAT HAMBALI'S EXTRADITION IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY BECAUSE INDONESIA DOES NOT HAVE AN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH THE US, AND THE US HAS A CLAIM ON HAMBALI DUE TO HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. INDONESIA'S TOP SECURITY OFFICIAL BAMBANG YUDHOYONO AND POLICE CHIEF DAI BACHTIAR HAVE WARNED THE PUBLIC THAT ANY EXTRADITION WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME. NEVERTHELESS, INDONESIAN POLICE OFFICIALS AUGUST 21 SAID PUBLICLY THAT HAMBALI CAN BE LINKED TO 39 BOMBINGS IN INDONESIA SINCE AUGUST 2000. GOI INTERLOCUTORS HAVE CONSISTENTLY RAISED THE ISSUE SINCE HAMBALI'S CAPTURE, INDICATING THE HIGH LEVEL OF ATTENTION THIS HAS COMMANDED. ADDITIONALLY, BA'ASYIR'S "MUSLIM DEFENSE

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TEAM", WHO EARLIER REQUESTED THE USG PRESENT UMAR AL-FARUQ, ASKED THE COURT AUGUST 21 TO BRING HAMBALI TO INDONESIA AS A DEFENSE WITNESS. BASHIR'S LAWYERS ACKNOWLEDGED THEY WERE NOT HOPEFUL, NOT THE LEAST BECAUSE THE WITNESS PHASE OF THE TRIAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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